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the Director



Photo by Miguel Tejada-Flores

You have always wanted to be a real, legitimate filmmaker. This was supposed to be your big shot. Your first full length feature film. You've gathered together a small budget, a few secondhand cameras and a crew of eager amateurs to help you make your movie. Things don't seem to be working out that way.

Well, whatever the hell is going on here, you're going to sort it out. You're supposed to be in charge, right? Now is the time to show some real leadership, just like your filmmaker idols did when faced with adversity. Sure, being catapulted into a hideous nightmare realm is different than Francis Ford Coppola's troubles making *Apocalypse Now*. But this is your crew, and you have to do something to make sure they make it out unharmed. Hell, if you get back to real life in one piece, maybe this will make good material for the movie.

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-Who must help me if I am to escape this place?

-What must they destroy to win my freedom?

-Where must the ritual of destruction occur for me to escape?

-How do we perform the ritual that lets me escape?

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the Star



Photo by Alvaro Hernandez

All your life, you've had an unusual feeling. You felt that you didn't belong in your life. In your ordinary life, you were nobody. But you knew deep in your heart that you were destined for something greater.

You became an actor seeking to become a famous movie star, but you have discovered something much more important: you are the heir to the Hildred Castaigne, the Last King of the Imperial Dynasty of America. Knowing this, you have been laying plans to seize power and rule as was divinely intended. But you have learned that one of the others on the film crew is also part of the imperial line. You're not sure who it is just yet, but you will find out. Then you can ensure that they meet a messy end, leaving the throne empty for you to claim.

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-Where is my crown hidden, so that I may be crowned as true ruler of this land?

-Who stands before me in line for the throne?

-What does my rival seek, in order to usurp my rightful kingdom?

-How can I claim the glory that is rightfully mine?

the Star

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(Public) Which cast member is so much better than me that I am ashamed of my own weakness?

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the Envious

Photo by Daniela Vladimirova



All your life, you have been ashamed of yourself. You have always been surrounded by amazing and impressive people, and their greatness only makes clear how worthless you are. You became an actor to hide from yourself, to imagine yourself another person even for a little while.

Now that you're in Carcosa, you know the truth. You don't know how you know, but you do. You know that, if you find a way, you can escape the prison of being you. Find the Mask of True Forms, and you can be whoever you want to be. So who do you want to be?

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-Whose life could be mine, if only I had the means?

-Where is the Mask of True Forms hidden?

-What must I take from the one I envy to better become them?

-How do I use the Mask to replace the one I envy?

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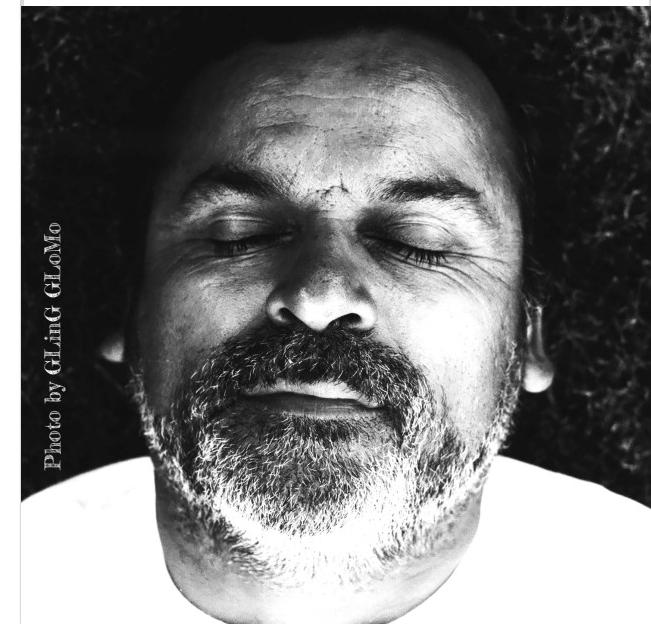
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the Drowned



You have just returned from several tours in the Navy. When you nearly drowned on an ordinary mission, you chose to desert your post. Back Stateside, you found yourself penniless, jobless, without any support network. You joined this movie's crew because it would hopefully pay the bills, you know?

Somehow, you know that the way out is underneath the Lake outside the palace. You're not certain how you know these things. But you also know that you need answers before you leave the palace to travel beneath the strange, fog filled lake.

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- What is the mystical seal that must be destroyed to pass through the portal beneath Lake Hali?
- Where can I find ritual book that includes instructions to activate the portal?
- Whose blood must I spill to soothe the anger of the tentacled horrors that live in the lake? (*You need a lot, they must give up their physical health or their life.*)
- How can I navigate the mists lake of Hali without becoming lost for all eternity?

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the Dreamer



You have always dreamed of this place. Not "you always wanted to come here" dreaming. Rather, you have all your life had recurrent nightmares about a bizarre shadow world, where foggy mists boil out of the lake into a vast decaying palace full of masked revelers. To deal with these terrifying visions, you became an artist. It didn't lessen the terror but it helped you feel more in control of these terrifying nighttime ordeals.

Recently your friend The Director asked you to do the design work for a zero budget indie horror movie. All the themes of your nightmare fueled artwork would fit perfectly with the movie they had planned. But when you came to the readthrough, your real life and your dream world collided. Now you're trapped in your own nightmare.

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- Where in Carcosa have I always dreamt about?
- What thing must I bring to that place to reveal to the person the dreamworld nature of this place?
- Once I have shown that person that this world is nothing but a nightmare, how can I wake myself up from this dream?

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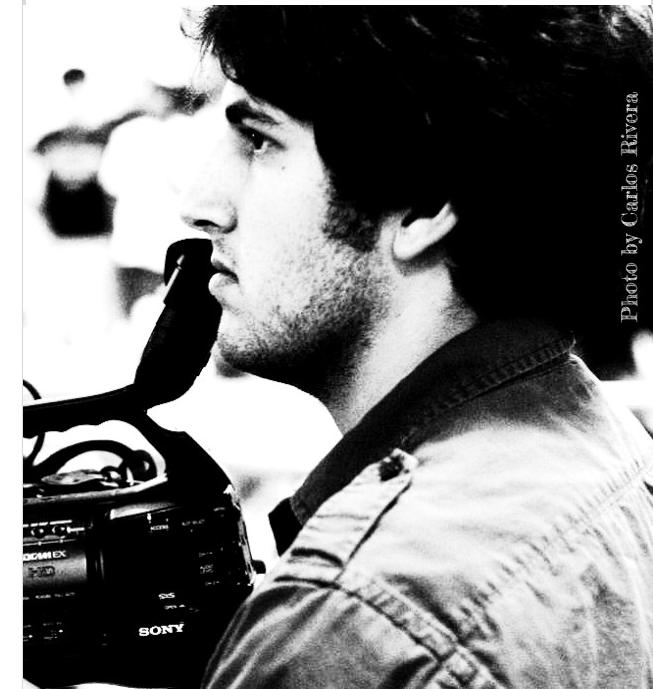


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You don't care about this stupid movie, not really. But you have a deep, deep affection for one of the other castmembers. And he or she is involved in this movie making venture, so you joined as well. You figured that way, you would get some more time to be with the one you love. Get to know him or her, maybe find the chance to reveal your feelings.

Of course, things don't seem to be working out the way you expected. Now you're all in a dangerous, strange place. Maybe if you protect your love or show some bravery, then you can be a hero. People like heroes, right? Maybe then you'll be loved back.

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- Where will my beloved be endangered, so that I can rescue him or her?
- Who is my beloved secretly involved with (?), who must be eliminated before I make my move?
- How can I leave this place once my beloved returns the affection?

the Unloved

Answer Now:

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(Public) Which cast member's life am I trying to improve, whether they like it or not?

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the Control Freak



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It isn't like you set out to be so demanding. It's just that you know better than everyone else how they should live their lives. You see everyone around you, always making poor choices. And you can't help but let them know the proper way of doing things. It's for their own good, really. You always know how to make every little thing precisely perfect.

Sometimes you're tempted to let them go ahead and ruin their lives. But you can't, because that would be imperfect of you.

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- What imperfection mars their existence, which I must eliminate for their own good?
- Where must I take them, to perform the final act of improvement?
- How must I perform the sacrifice to improve them sufficiently to take my place, so that I can exit this realm and they can continue on the path of perfection?

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the Angry



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You try not to be a violent person. It's just that the world around you is filled with stress and frustration. Every day is a struggle to keep from lashing out at those around you.

These people are supposed to be your friends, right? You shouldn't hurt them. But even on the best of days, it takes all your effort to keep from flipping out and screaming in somebody's face. Today doesn't look like the best of days. Not by a long shot. Today might just be the day where you break something irreplaceable.

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- Whose continued existence prevents me from commanding the creatures?
- Where must I stand to command the flapping creatures to take me away?
- Once my rival for control is dead, how can I command these creatures to do my bidding and take me away from this place?

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the Ephemeral



Photo by Thomas Hawk

You've always had a lingering suspicion that you weren't like ordinary people. Your memories of more than a few months ago are hazy and vague. You are defined by one or two strong mannerisms, but you lack the depth or subtlety of a real personality. An outside observer might think that you were totally normal, but you have come to realize the truth:

You are not a real person.

You're some sort of imaginary being that has taken on human form. You haven't told anyone yet, but you are increasingly convinced. You know that, as a fictional being, you exist to suffer for the amusement of an author and audience. That pisses you off. Your author apparently created you to go through some trying times ahead. You need to find a way to escape your fictional state. Become a real boy or girl, somehow. Maybe even get revenge on your creator along the way.

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- Who is the one that first created me as a fictional being?
- What do I lack that, if found, would allow me to become a real person?
- Where can I find the original writings that created me (which I must destroy)?
- How can I become a real human being?

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the Watched

LOCATION: SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE

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SURVEILLANCE SUBJECT #CA-002

For some time now, you have been watched by faceless figures. Men and women - children, even - watch your every move constantly. You can't see who they are, because where they should have eyes and a nose and such, they just have a smooth stretch of pinkish-yellow skin.

Who are these people, and why are they spying on you? You're not anything special. You think that they must be agents of a conspiracy. Perhaps a satanic cult of some sort. Maybe they are planning on turning you into a human sacrifice.

You haven't told anyone yet. You have no proof. You wouldn't want to sound like a crazy person. Worse, you don't know who these people are. Anyone you tell about this might be working for the people spying on you. If they suspected that you were on to them, then they might kill you... or worse.

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- What are the faceless men seeking which they think that I have?
- Once I have what they want, where can I find them to give it to them?
- Who must I mark to be the next target of the faceless men, once I join them?
- How do I remove my own face to join the faceless men and disappear?

the Watched

Answer Now:

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the Traveler



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Recently, though, it has gotten stronger. Longer time jumps, more often. Today is the worst of all. Some intuition tells you that the movie is a bad idea. So you skipped out on the script reading. But when you went to bed, you woke up on today, again. Like *Groundhog Day*, you repeated the same day over and over, skipping the reading each time. This time, you decided to finally find out what happens when you attend. Some force wants you to go. What force, though, and why?

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- Who can help me break out of the infinitely repeating cycle?
- What keeps me anchored in this time and place?
- Where must I destroy that anchor to escape?
- Once I'm free of time's constraints, how can I find my way through the infinity of time and space back to where I belong?

Answer Now:

(Public) Which cast member would I risk my life to protect?

(Public) Which cast member did I try to warn, but they wouldn't listen to me?

(Secret) Which other cast member do I secretly despise?

Sacrifices

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If you're ever forced to sacrifice something you already lost, then discard a different card of your choice. Justify how that other card substitutes for the one you're called on to sacrifice. You can always substitute *Your Very Life*, but of course then you'd be dead.

Background

Your friend Cameron Iokanaan wanted to make an independent horror film based off of *The King in Yellow* by Robert Chambers. So you assembled a crew and Cameron went away to write a script. No one heard from him until yesterday, when you each received an unsigned letter, with a strange yellow symbol on it, apparently from Cameron. It said to meet at an abandoned theatre, and to come wearing a mask. Nobody was really sure what was going on, but you assumed it was about the first read-through of the script. Attempts to contact Cameron for clarification have gotten no response. It was weird, but Cameron always played up the mystery when writing. So you showed up, to see what Cameron had in store. That is when everything gets really weird.

When the game begins, you will enter an otherworldly realm. You don't know where you are. You don't know why you were brought here. Worst of all, you don't know how to get back to your sane, normal life.

If you can find answers to your four questions then you (*or one other of your choosing*) can escape back to real life, alive. Without answers, you'll never find your way home.

In Carcosa, secrets and knowledge are the currency. Whenever you perform a service for someone in Carcosa, they owe you one answer. You can ask them any question you wish, and they must answer truthfully. Similarly, if someone performs a service for you, you owe them one honest answer. (*You can't ask two questions in a row from the same character. Carcosa keeps its secrets better than that.*)

the Visionary



You know for sure that something terrible is going to happen. You had a vision, you see.

A week ago, while the Director was talking about the plans for the movie, your vision blurred. The room warped into an ornate ballroom. Your friends were dressed in fancy, archaic clothing. Cameron was there, lounging on the throne. Everyone else bowed to Cameron, as would befit loyal courtiers to nobility. Everyone spoke a weird gibberish language, but the Director seemed to be petitioning Cameron for something. Cameron concluded the discussion by pointing at you, glaring sternly. The others reluctantly pulled knives out of their tunics and began to reluctantly advance toward you. As the first knife - the Director's - pierced your side, the vision ended.

You are pretty sure that this was a vision. A dire warning. A bad omen. A prophecy of something horrible to come.

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Answer to Escape:

- Where can I cause another prophetic vision to occur?
- Who must I make sure behaves just as the vision describes?
- What must that person destroy, just as the vision showed?
- How do I leave this place once the vision has come true?

the Visionary

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the Invited



your coat pocket, addressed to you in a smooth, calligraphic handwriting. It bore no postmark or stamps. It was sealed with a wax seal. Inside, the letter had your name, followed by **"YOU ARE INVITED TO A MASQUERADE BALL AT THE PALACE, ONE WEEK HENCE. WE SHALL CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF ALDONES, KING OF THE ROYAL COURT OF YHTILL. COME IN COSTUME. COME TO DANCE. COME TO DINE. COME."**

You came this evening, mainly to figure out who played this prank on you. Somebody must have slipped the letter into your pocket, and you want to find out who and why. You're a bit angry at this intrusion of your privacy, and you don't know why they'd want you here anyway. You barely know most of the other cast members, and you weren't really eager to help make the movie.

The letter was in your pocket a moment ago. But now it is gone. Funny that.

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Answer to Escape:

- Who sent me the invitation to the party at Carcosa?
- What can I bring them to break the magical pull they have over me?
- Where can I find the invitation that I lost?
- How can I destroy the invitation, sending me back to my home?

the Invited

Sacrifices

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Cameron



You remember now. You were writing a screenplay for a zero budget horror movie your friends were making. Your friends that are here now.

The script was about the King In Yellow. In it, He came to an unsuspecting kingdom, driving everyone there mad and destroying the entire kingdom.

By writing of his coming, you somehow opened a portal between Earth and Carcosa. Once in Carcosa, you had your humanity slowly stripped away from you, until barely anything remained.

Now that your memory is back, you know that you have to escape this place.

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Questions

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Answer to Escape:

-What earthly object has my soul been hidden in?

-Where did I create a gateway between this world and my own?

-Once I have my soul back, how can I open the door between worlds once more?

Cameron